Non-lifting of Sugar Quota by states

2130. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States not lifting their sugar quota in spite of the Food Departments' repeated request resulting in increase in the price of sugar in those States; and

(b) what are the reasons for non-lifting of sugar quota by the States?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have finalised a scheme for distribution of imported sugar for meeting the open market sugar requirements which had come into effect in June, 1985. Under this scheme the Statewise quotas of imported sugar have been fixed and allotted to various State Governments for lifting of imported sugar from the Food Corporation of India and for eventual sale through the controlled channels to the consumers at a issue price of less than Rs. 6 per kg. This issue price has now been reduced to below Rs. 5.80 per kg. Certain initial infrastructural deficiencies and logistic problems had led to reduced off-take of imported sugar by various State Governments in June, 1985. However, these problems have been sorted out leading to larger off-take of imported sugar by the State Governments against July, 1985 quota of imported sugar meant for free-sale distribution allotted to them. With this streamlining the availability of impored sugar has improved and the prices of sugar in open market in all States have come down significantly.

Allotment of Hostel Accommodation to Central Government Employees

2131. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state what is the date of priority covered in providing accommodation to the Central Government employees in single room/double room in Hostel accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT):

Date of Priority covered for allotment of Hostel accommodation in different pools as on 31.7.85

	Tenure Pool	General Pool	Single Ladies Pool	Married Ladies Pool
Single Suite		22/2/71	1/11/76	15/3/73
Double Suite	Up-to-Date	17.5/71	1/1/73	1/11/69

Signing of Protocols for Cooperation in Mass Media with other countries

2132. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of protocols for cooperation in mass media signed between India and other countries during the last year; and

(b) the States in India that have been lifted from signing of such protocols?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) During the calendar year 1984 no protocol was signed by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting with other countries. However, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Information and Mass Media was signed on 28-9-1984 with the provisional military

Government of Socialist Ethiopia. The MOU provides for:—

(1) Cooperation in the field of information and mass media contributing towards a better knowledge of respective historical and cultural life.

(2) Conclusion of a separate agreement or protocol in the field of Radio and Television.

(3) Exchange of Radio and Television programmes including documentary films;

(4) Observance of each other's National Days through Radio and Television;

(5) Promotion of Joint production of feature and documentary films;

(6) Cooperation in the development of media facilities;

(7) Cooperation in the field of cinematography;

(8) Organisation of each other's film weeks and participation in each other's International Film Festivals;

(9) Exchange of news and features through suitable agreement between the two countries, within the framwork of non-aligned newspool;

(10) Training of Ethiopian candidates in India in rural communication services;

(11) India's participlation in the establishment of a mass media training centre in Ethopia;

(12) Participation in periodical book fairs in each other's country; and

(13) Exchange of journalists and mass media experts.

(b) Since such protocols/agreements with foreign countries are entered into by the Government of India no direct benefit accrues to the States. However, under the Exchange Programmes the works of talented artistes in various fields from all over the country are made available to the foreign countries.

Allotment of flats by the DDA

2133. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of flats constructed by the DDA are lying vacant and have not been allotted;

(b) if so, the number of flats lying unallotted/unoccupied though allotted, as on 31st May, 1985, locality-wise;

(c) the reasons for not allotting the constructed flats or for the allottees failing to occupy them;

(d) what is the amount of advance deposits received by the DDA against such flats and the the interest due on the same as on 31st May, 1985; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to allot the flats or make them habitable for the occupation by the allottees?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Titles of 'Builders of Modern India'

2134. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Committee to select the titles in 'Builders of Modern India' series;

(b) if so, who are the members of the Committee;

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative which agency of the Publication Division is entrusted this work; and

(d) whehter Govenment have any proposal under consideration to appoint a committee of experts in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.